

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium having a computer program recorded thereon that causes a computer to control a display device to display containing a user interface and at least two different images of a cursor within the displayed user interface, for a computer, said user interface the computer program causing the computer to perform operations comprising:

displaying, in the user interface on the display device, at least two different images for a cursor, including a first image of the cursor, the first image of the cursor comprising which comprises a pointer arrow having a tail; , and a second image which comprises a hybrid consisting of a pointer arrow with a variable graphic in place of said tail, wherein said variable graphic is capable of a numeric display relating to a parameter of a process; and

receiving a control input containing an instruction to drag at least one object displayed in the user interface on the display device;

controlling the display device to, upon receipt of the control input, switch the display of the first image of the cursor to a display of a second image of the cursor in the user interface, the second image of the cursor comprising a first hybrid cursor having a pointer arrow with a first variable graphic replacing the tail comprised in the first image; and

controlling the display device to display the variable graphic in the user interface as an alphanumeric representation relating to a parameter of a process.
~~input means for normally displaying a cursor with said first image and for switching the display to said second image upon initiation of the dragging of at least one user interface object.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 23, wherein ~~said displaying means switches said~~ the computer program causes the computer to perform further operations comprising:

determining when the first image of the cursor is positioned in the user interface over an object that is associated with an application in a busy state; and

controlling the display device to switch the display of the first image of the cursor to the second image of the cursor upon detecting determining that the first image of the cursor is positioned over ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface object associated with ~~[[an]]~~ the application in a busy state.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 23, wherein the computer program causes the computer to perform further operations comprising:

determining when the second image of the cursor is positioned in the user interface over a destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be copied; and

controlling the display device to switch the display of the second image of the cursor to a display of including a third image of the cursor in the user interface, upon determining that the second image of the cursor is positioned over the destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be copied, wherein the third image comprising comprises a second hybrid cursor having consisting of a pointer arrow with a second variable graphic in place of said replacing the tail comprised in the first image of the cursor, and the second variable graphic that represents a copy operation, and wherein said displaying means switches said display from said second image to said third image upon detecting that the cursor is positioned over a destination object to which the dragged object can be copied.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 26, wherein the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor has a first color, and the second variable graphic of ~~said~~ the third image of the cursor has a second, ~~different~~ color different from the first color.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 26, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 28, wherein the second variable graphic of ~~said~~ the third image of the cursor also includes ~~said~~ the quantitative value.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 23, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 30, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates ~~[[the]]~~ a number of objects that are being dragged.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 30, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates the size of ~~one or more~~ the at least one dragged object~~[[s]] being dragged~~.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 30, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor comprises a geometric object, and the size of ~~said~~ the geometric object is dynamically varied to accommodate ~~said~~ the quantitative value.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 23, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor indicates that ~~[[an]]~~ the at least one dragged object ~~being dragged~~ will be deleted.

35. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a user interface and at least two different images of a cursor within the displayed user interface on a display device of a computer, comprising the steps of:

~~normally displaying, in the user interface on the display device, a cursor on said display with a first image of the cursor, the first image of the cursor comprising which comprises a pointer arrow having a tail; , and~~

receiving, from a control device connected to the computer, a control input containing an instruction to drag at least one object in the user interface displayed on the display device;

controlling the display device to, upon receipt of the control input, switch the display of the first image of the cursor to a display of a second image of the cursor in the user interface, the second image of the cursor comprising a first hybrid cursor having a pointer arrow with a first variable graphic replacing the tail comprised in the first image of the cursor; and

controlling the display device to display the variable graphic in the user interface as an alphanumeric representation relating to a parameter of a process.
~~input switching the representation of said cursor on said display to a second image which comprises a hybrid consisting of a pointer arrow with a variable graphic in place of said tail, wherein said variable graphic is capable of an alphanumeric display relating to a parameter of a process, upon initiation of the dragging of at least one user interface object.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, comprising:
determining when the first image of the cursor is positioned in the user
interface over an object that is associated with an application in a busy state; and
~~wherein said display of said cursor is switched~~ controlling the display device
to switch the display of the first image of the cursor to the second image of the cursor
~~upon detecting~~ determining that the first image of the cursor is positioned over [[a]]
the user interface object associated with [[an]] the application in a busy state.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
determining when the second image of the cursor is positioned in the user
interface over a destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be
copied; and
controlling the display device to switch the display of the second image of the
cursor to a display of ~~including the step of switching said display from said second~~
~~image to a third image~~ of the cursor in the user interface, upon determining that the
second image of the cursor is positioned over the destination object to which the at
least one dragged object is to be copied, wherein the third image of the cursor
~~comprising~~ comprises a second hybrid cursor having ~~consisting of~~ a pointer arrow
with a second variable ~~graphic in place of said~~ replacing the tail ~~that comprised in the~~
first image of the cursor, and the second variable graphic represents a copy
~~operation, upon detecting that the cursor is positioned over a destination object to~~
~~which the dragged object can be copied.~~

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor has a first color, and the second variable graphic of ~~said~~ the third image of the cursor has a second, ~~different~~ color different from the first color.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the second variable graphic of ~~said~~ the third image of the cursor ~~also~~ includes ~~said~~ the quantitative value.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates ~~[[the]]~~ a number of objects that are being dragged.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates the size of ~~one or more~~ the at least one dragged object~~[[s]]~~ being dragged.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor comprises a geometric object, and further including the step of dynamically varying the size of ~~said~~ the geometric object to accommodate ~~said~~ the quantitative value.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor indicates that ~~[[an]]~~ the at least one dragged object being dragged will be deleted.

47. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying a user interface and at least two different images of a cursor within the displayed user interface on a display device of a computer, comprising the steps of:

normally displaying, in the user interface on the display device, a cursor on a display with a first image of the cursor; ~~[[and]]~~

receiving, from a control device connected to the computer, a control input containing an instruction to drag at least one object displayed in the user interface on the display device;

controlling the display device to, upon initiation of the dragging of the at least one object displayed in the user interface, switch the display of the first image of the cursor to a display of a second image of the cursor in the user interface, the second image of the cursor ~~switching the representation of said cursor on said display to a second image which comprises~~ comprising a first hybrid cursor consisting

comprising ~~[[of]]~~ a portion of the first image of the cursor and a first variable graphic,
wherein said variable graphic; and

controlling the display device to display the first variable graphic in the user
interface as a symbol representation display relating to a condition of a process. is
~~capable of a symbol display relating to a condition of a process, upon initiation of the~~
~~dragging of at least one user interface object.~~

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, ~~wherein said display of~~
~~said cursor is~~ comprising:

determining when the first image of the cursor is positioned in the user
interface over an object that is associated with an application in a busy state; and

controlling the display device to switch the display of the first image of the
cursor to the second image of the cursor ~~switched upon detecting~~ determining that
the ~~cursor~~ first image of the cursor is positioned over ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface object
associated with ~~[[an]]~~ the application in a busy state.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, further comprising,
~~including the step of~~

determining when the second image of the cursor is positioned in the user
interface over a destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be
copied; and

controlling the display device to switch ~~switching said the display from said of~~
the second image of the cursor to a display of a third image of the cursor in the user
interface, upon determining that the second image of the cursor is positioned over
the destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be copied,
wherein the third image of the cursor comprising comprises a second hybrid cursor
having ~~consisting of~~ the portion of the first image of the cursor with a graphic that
represents a copy operation, ~~upon detecting that the cursor is positioned over a~~
~~destination object to which the dragged object can be copied.~~

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, wherein the first
variable graphic of ~~said the~~ second image of the cursor has a first color, and the
second variable graphic of ~~said the~~ third image of the cursor has a second, ~~different~~
color different from the first color.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50, wherein ~~said the first~~
variable graphic of ~~said the~~ second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value
that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein the second
variable graphic of ~~said the~~ third image of the cursor also includes ~~said the~~
quantitative value.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of ~~said~~ the second image of the cursor includes a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates ~~[[the]]~~ a number of objects that are being dragged.

56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein ~~said~~ the quantitative value indicates the size of ~~one or more~~ the at least one dragged object~~[[s]]~~ being dragged.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor comprises a geometric object, and further including the step of dynamically varying the size of ~~said~~ the geometric object to accommodate ~~said~~ the quantitative value.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein ~~said~~ the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor indicates that ~~[[an]]~~ the at least one dragged object ~~being dragged~~ will be deleted.

59. (New) A computer processing device comprising:

a display unit configured to display a user interface and at least two different images of a cursor within the user interface;

a control unit configured to control the display unit to display a first image of the cursor within the user interface, the first image of the cursor comprising a pointer arrow having a tail; and

a receiving unit configured to receive an instruction input containing an instruction to drag at least one object displayed in the user interface on the display unit,

wherein the control unit is configured to control the display device to switch the display of the first image of the cursor to a display of a second image of the cursor within the user interface, upon the receiving unit receiving the instruction input, the second image of the cursor comprising a first hybrid cursor having a pointer arrow with a first variable graphic replacing the tail comprised in the first image of the cursor, and

wherein the control unit is configured to control the display device to display the first variable graphic in the user interface as an alphanumeric representation relating to a parameter of a process.

60. (New) The computer processing device of claim 59, wherein the control unit comprises a determining unit configured to determine when the first image of the cursor is positioned in the user interface over an object that is associated with an application in a busy state, and

wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to switch the display of the first image of the cursor to the second image of the cursor, upon the determining unit determining that the first image of the cursor is positioned over the object that is associated with the busy state.

61. (New) The computer processing device of claim 59, wherein the control unit comprises a determining unit configured to determine when the second image of the cursor is positioned in the user interface over a destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be copied,

wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to switch the display of the second image of the cursor to a display of a third image of the cursor, upon the determining unit determining that the second image of the cursor is positioned over the destination object to which the at least one dragged object is to be copied, the third image of the cursor comprising a second hybrid cursor having a pointer arrow with a second variable graphic replacing the tail comprised in the first image of the cursor, and

wherein the second variable graphic represents a copy operation.

62. (New) The computer processing device of claim 61, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor to have a first color, and to display the second variable graphic of the third image of the cursor to have a second color different from the first color.

63. (New) The computer processing device of claim 61, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor to include a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

64. (New) The computer processing device of claim 63, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the second variable graphic of the third image of the cursor to include the quantitative value.

65. (New) The computer processing device of claim 59, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor to include a quantitative value that represents a characteristic of the at least one dragged object.

66. (New) The computer processing device of claim 65, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the quantitative value to indicate a number of objects that are being dragged.

67. (New) The computer processing device of claim 65, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the quantitative value to indicate the size of the at least one dragged object.

68. (New) The computer processing device of claim 65, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor to comprise a geometric object, and wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to dynamically vary the size of the geometric object to accommodate the quantitative value.

69. (New) The computer processing device of claim 59, wherein the control unit is configured to control the display unit to display the first variable graphic of the second image of the cursor to indicate that the at least one dragged object will be deleted.